

CSM James N. Ross
Command Sergeant Major, 1st Space Brigade

Command Sergeant Major James N. Ross is a native of Battle Creek, Mich. He enlisted in the Army in September 1985 and attended Basic Training and Combat Engineer Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonardwood, Mo. In 1990, CSM Ross reclassified into the Air Defense Artillery Branch as a patriot missile crew member.

His overseas assignments include tours in Germany, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Iraq. His stateside assignments include Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Hood, Texas; and Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. He has served in a variety of duty positions to include: Combat engineer, squad leader (combat engineer), section chief (Patriot launcher), assistant battalion operations noncommissioned officer in charge, platoon sergeant (launcher and fire control), air defense advisor Royal Saudi Arabian Air Force (USMTM), senior instructor (NCOA-PLDC), first sergeant for A Battery, 3rd Battalion, 2nd ADA, Fort Bliss, Texas, first sergeant for HHB, 3rd Bn, 2nd ADA, Fort Bliss, Texas, NCOIC, Corps Air Defense Element (III Corps and Fort Hood), and operations sergeant major 4th Bn, 5th ADA, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, command sergeant major for 3rd Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas, and command sergeant major, 1st Space Battalion, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., and is currently the command sergeant major for the 1st Space Brigade, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command at Peterson Air Force Base.

In addition, CSM Ross has attended various military schools and courses: PLDC, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Master Fitness Trainers Course, Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Air Assault School, Instructor Training Course, Small Group Instructors Course, Space Fundamentals Course, Joint Planning Orientation Course (Joint Forces Staff College), Gryphon Mobile Force Protection Course, US Army First Sergeants Course, United States Army Sergeant's Major Academy – Class #53 and the CSM Course. CSM Ross has an associate degree in general studies from Central Texas College and a Bachelor of Arts in homeland security from American Military University.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal 6th Award; Army Commendation Medal with V Device; Army Commendation Medal 7th Award; Army Achievement Medal 10th Award; Army Good Conduct Medal 7th Award; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medal with BSS; Saudi Arabian Defense Medal; Kuwait Liberation Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal w 3 Campaign Stars; Air Assault Badge, U.S. Air Force Basic Space Badge and the Combat Action Badge. He is a member of the prestigious Sergeant Morales and Audie Murphy Clubs.

CSM Ross was the 1989 NCO of the Year for Fort Riley, Kan. CSM Ross is also a member of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.



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